[Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai.]

timber and other products at the sale depots and commercial centres at the rates and in the bulk that would pay merchants to transact business with the Government, will they be pleased to state what efforts they have made towards that direction?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The Member is referred to the answer to interpellation No. 202.

Report of the Committee on Royal Trees.

204. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Committee appointed to enquire into the question of giving full proprietary right over Royal trees standing on registered holdings to the owners thereof have submitted their report, and, if so, will the Government be pleased to place the same on the table?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The Committee appointed to enquire into the question of giving to the owners proprietary rights over Royal trees standing on registered holdings have not yet submitted their report.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): With reference to the answer given, may I know from the Member how long is it since the committee have finished their labours?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The committee have not yet submitted their report.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): How long is it since they have finished their labours? That is what I want to know.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Government do not know if they have finished their labours.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): If the Government do not know that, then may I know who can know better of their own publications?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The committee have not yet finished their labours because the report is not ready. The committee alone know when they may finish their report.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): In the Address of the Dewan to the Members of the twenty-first session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly I find the following statement—

"The committee appointed by the Government in 1098 to enquire into the question of giving full proprietary right over royal trees standing on registered holdings to the owners thereof has completed its labours and its report is shortly expected."

From this it will be seen that the committee has completed it labours. But the answer of the Member is that their labours have not yet been finished.

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MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): It will be clear from the passage quoted by the Member that the report has not yet been submitted to the Government. In so far as the report is also a part of the labours of the committee, it cannot strictly be said that the committee have finished their labours.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know whether any time-limit was placed for the submission of their report?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I claim notice for that question.

List of War Service Men.

205. **MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a correct and up-to-date list of men, both combatants and non-combatants, who served in connection with the Great War is maintained by the Government or any other body under the Government, and if not, why the Soldiers' Committee did not maintain such a list;

(*b*) the total number of men, combatants and non-combatants, who served in connection with the Great War from this State;

(*c*) the number of casualties among them;

(*d*) the total number of men who returned; and

(*e*) the total number of applicants from such men for appointments under the Government and the number permanently entertained under different categories?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) A complete list of men who were enlisted for War service by the Travancore Government Recruiting Officer is kept by the Soldiers' Committee and the names of those who have returned from service and who have intimated the fact to the Committee, are noted in it.

(*b*) 3,850—Combatants 2,128 and non-combatants 1,722.

(*c*) and (*d*) Information is not available.

(*e*) The total number of applicants is 1,559 and the number entertained is 494, including permanent and acting.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): With reference to part (*e*) of the question may I know from the Chief Secretary whether the other applicants than those, *viz.*, 494 appointed out of 1,559, have their applications yet to be considered or whether they have been rejected?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Their applications are pending with the Heads of Departments.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Then they are not rejected?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not know whether they have been rejected or not.

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